



## WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Senator William C. Smith, Jr. & Vice Chair Senator Jeff Waldstreicher and  
Members of Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE:SB 680 State Government – Public Welfare Actions – Determination and Settlement

Position: Oppose

My name is Kirk McCauley, my employer is WMDA/CAR, we represent service stations ,  
convenience stores and repair facilities across the state as a non- profit trade group.

The bill is full of language that endangers every business in the state, every farm in the  
state, even individuals who are performing their responsibilities at a place of business.

This bill is so broad and encompassing and gives the Attorney General's Office carte  
blanche to assign a claim to a factfinder. This factfinder designated by A.G. office will  
appraise the facts and assign percentage responsibilities to a claim. A public welfare  
action is a claim for consumer protection, or the alleged or threatened injuries to the  
health, safety, environment, or welfare of residents of Maryland, brought by A.G. Office.

SB680 could be applied to almost any manufacture of products that can be abused, from  
sugar to alcohol, or to the extreme, oil refiner, transportation company, business that  
sold refined product to public and yes, the individual that bought the product knowing  
that by driving a fossil fuel car he/she was a contributor.

I am not saying the A.G. office would bring litigation for the examples above but SB680  
would give them the power to do so. This bill has the potential to bring litigation against  
Maryland residents that did nothing wrong while performing their work, running their  
businesses, and letting one individual decide what could be coming out of their wallet or  
your wallet.

Please give SB 680 an unfavorable report.

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